GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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School Buildings
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government proposes an elaborate scheme for construction of high school buildings and girls hostels in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof including the total amount to be spent on the above scheme and the location of high school buildings along with the girls" hostels; and
(c) the criteria to be adopted by the Government for allocation of amount to State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)
(a)&(b) : The Centrally sponsored scheme of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) aims to universalize access to secondary schools by providing a secondary school within a reasonable distance (5 kilometer) of every habitation, improving quality of education through making all secondary schools conform to prescribed norms and removal of gender, socio-economic and disability barriers. The Scheme presently covers opening of new Government secondary schools (classes IX-X) and strengthening of existing secondary schools run by the State Government and local bodies. The total amount to be spent on construction of 12394 high schools buildings and strengthening of 37382 existing schools is Rs. 19123.43 crore.
Construction and Running of Girls' Hostel component under RMSA provides for hostel facilities for girl students in the age group of 14-18 years studying in classes IX to XII and belonging to SC, ST, OBC , Minority communities and Below Poverty Line families. The scheme provides for setting up of hostels with lodging and boarding facilities in the Educationally Backward Blocks (EBBs) and areas nearing concentration of above target groups so that the girl students are not denied the opportunity to continue their study at the secondary stage due to societal factors. The Girls Hostels are preferably located in the compounds of Kastruba Gandhi Balika Vidhyalaya (KGBVs) or secondary/higher secondary school or in their vicinity, wherever land is available, as selected by the State/UT Government. The total amount to be spent on Civil works for 2483 approved Girls Hostels is Rs.3729.27 crore.
(c) : Under RMSA, every year State/UT Governments propose their Annual Work Plan and Budget for Central Assistance in their respective States/UTs, which are examined and approved as per RMSA guidelines depending on the identified gaps in the State, physical and financial progress of earlier approved interventions and funds are released on the basis of Audited Account, provisional Utilisation Certificate, Physical progress and other documents as prescribed under guidelines and General Financial Rules (GFR), received from the State Government/ UT.
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